



Economic Analysis of Stationary PEM Fuel Cell Systems

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Input from PEM fuel cell stakeholders is critical to the success of the program.

Subcontractors will be used on an as-needed basis and per DOE's direction.

Objectives

To develop an understanding of the economic, technology, and marketplace drivers needed for commercialization of stationary PEM fuel cell systems out to the year 2015.

The action plan will:

- **Evaluate high potential stationary PEMFC applications;**
- **Identify critical success factors required for commercialization;**
- **Develop a technical targets table for each application (cost, reliability, size, response, emissions, electric load versus time, etc.); and**
- **Educate stakeholders and raise awareness of national programs.**

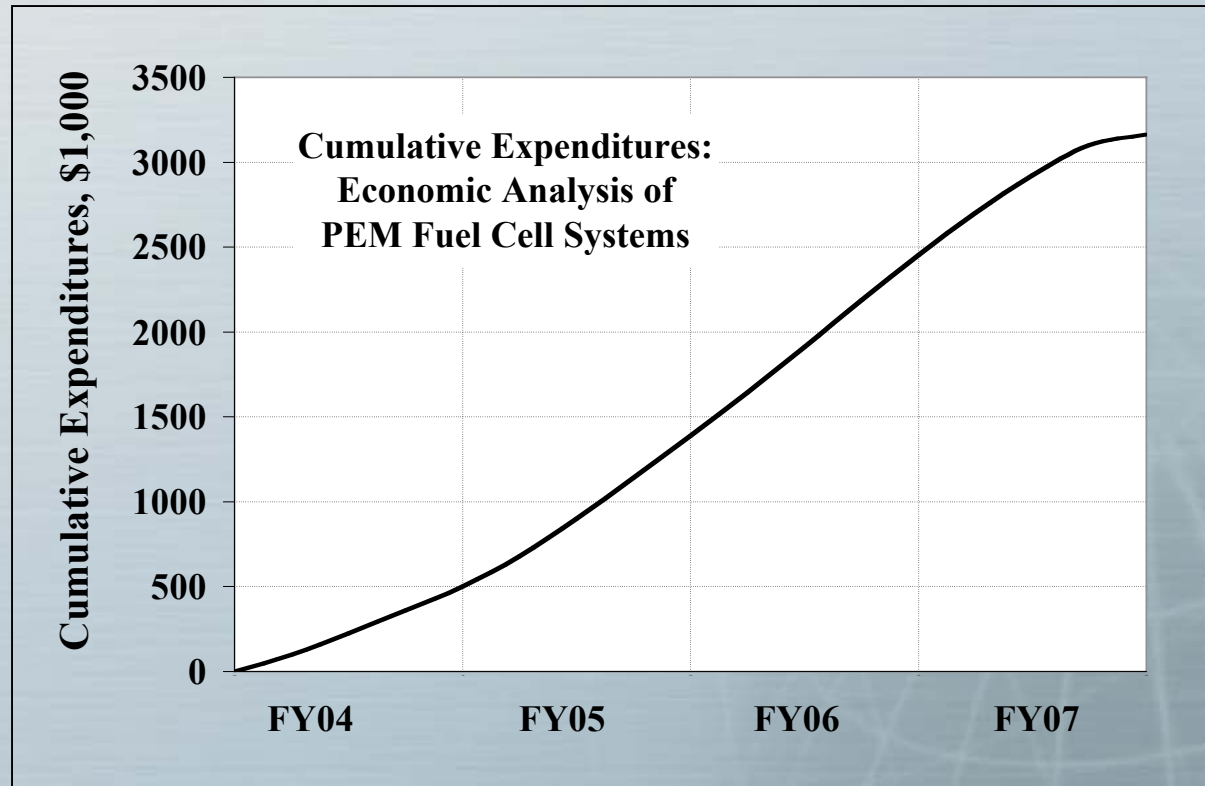
Benefits

- **Identifies factors likely to provide leverage in PEM fuel cell commercialization over the next 10 years.**
- **Informs policy and investment strategies to the benefit of government and private industry interests.**
- **Identifies potential points for public/private cooperation and consensus.**
- **Establishes realistic expectations: What will have to happen to reach these targets?**

Budget

Since this is not a technology development project, there is no contractor cofunding. All funds are DOE's.

FY	\$Total		Qtr	\$ Total
FY 04	500,000	→	1	250,000
FY 05	887,933		2	190,000
FY 06	1,065,520		3	60,000
FY 07	710,347			
Total	3,163,800			



DOE Technical Barriers for Stationary PEM FC

(These are explained in DOE's Hydrogen, Fuel Cell, and Infrastructure Technologies Multi-Year Research, Development and Demonstration Plan: Planned activities for 2003-2010)

Transportation Barriers A,B,C, and D do not apply.

Distributed Generation Systems Barriers:

E. Durability

G. Power Electronics

F. Heat Utilization

H. Startup Time

Fuel-Flexible Fuel Processor Barriers:

I. Fuel Proc. Startup/Transient

L. H₂ Quality / CO Cleanup

J. Durability

M. Fuel Proc. Sys Integration/Efficiency

K. Emissions/Environment

N. Cost

Fuel Cell Component Barriers:

O. Stack Mat. & Manf. Cost

Q. Electrode Performance

P. Durability

R. Thermal & Water Manage

DOE Technical Targets For Stationary Fuel Cell Systems in 2010 (Also from DOE's Multiyear Plan)

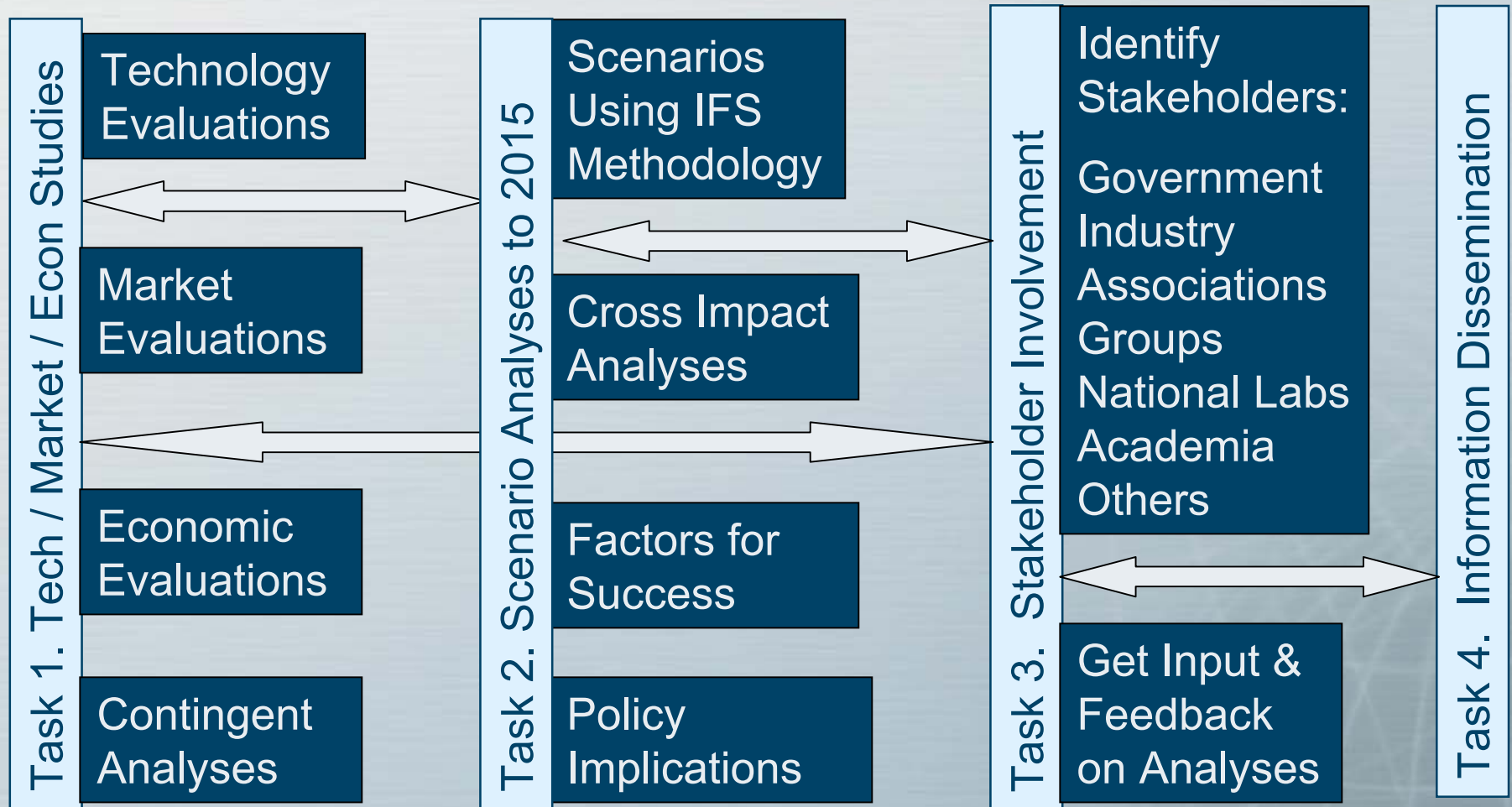
The first number listed is for small (3-25 kW) PEMFC systems and the second number is for large (50-250kW); single numbers are for both systems.

- **\$1000 / \$750 Cost per kW**
- **35 / 40% Elec. Efficiency**
- **80% CHP Efficiency**
- **< 3 msec Transient Response**

- **40,000 hours Durability**
- **5 / 10 Min. Cold Startup**
- **-35 to +40 C Survivability**
- **65 / 55 dba Noise @ 1 m**

- **< 9 / 1.5 g/1000kWh combined NO_x, CO, SO_x, hydrocarbon, and particulate emissions.**

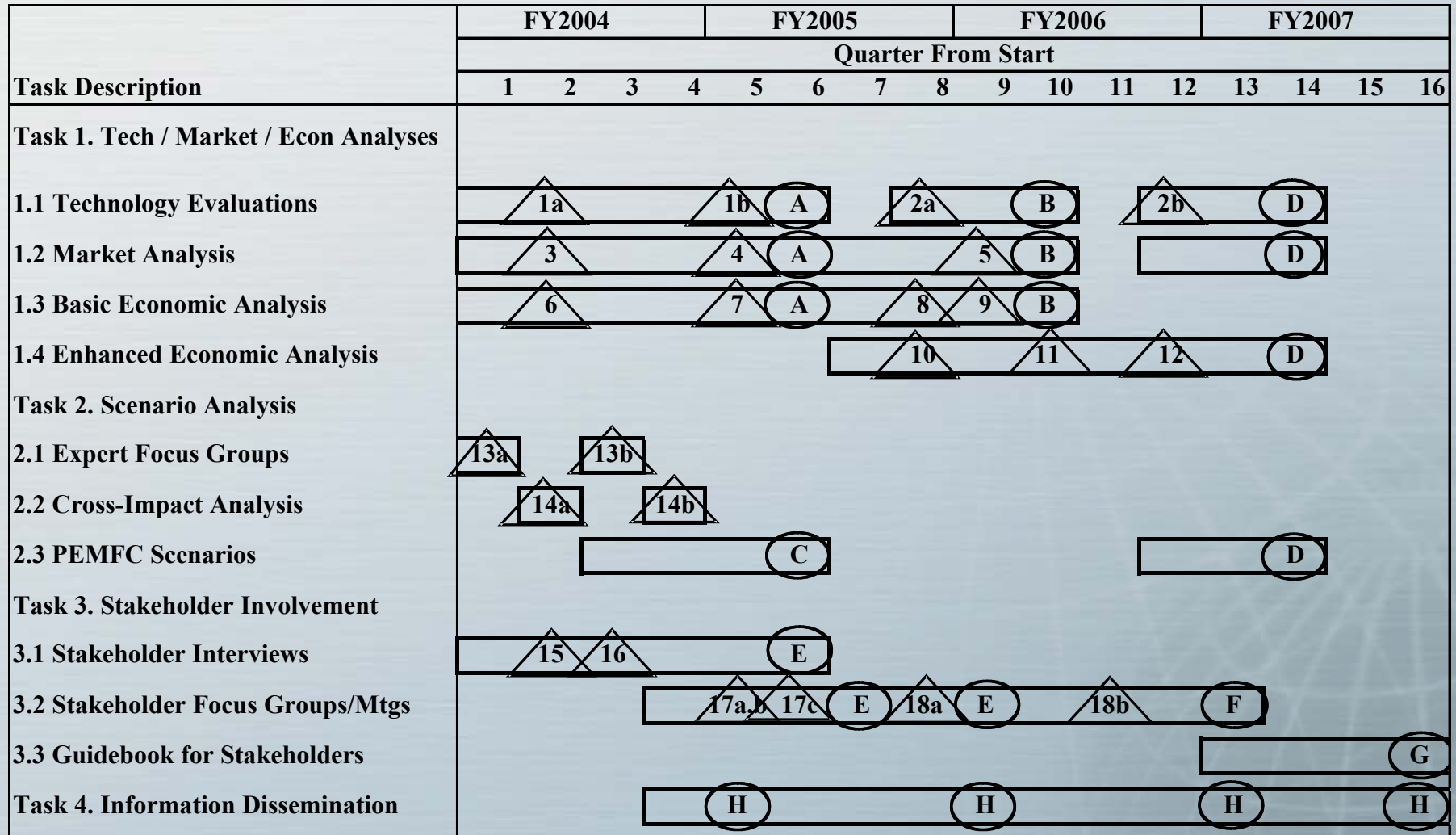
Approach



Project Safety

- Safety (and perceived safety) is a barrier to fuel cell commercialization.
- Safety codes and standards regulating the storage and use of H₂ is a barrier to fuel cell commercialization.

Schedule (milestones and deliverables next viewgraph)



Milestones and Deliverables

Milestones	Deliverables
<p>Task 1. Tech / Market / Econ Analyses</p> <p>1(a,b). Expert focus groups for technology ratings</p> <p>2(a,b). Annual update of technology ratings</p> <p>3. Identify and segment markets</p> <p>4. Identify highest potential opportunities</p> <p>5. Impact of financial incentives and special programs</p> <p>6. Cost targets for 2005, 2010, 2015</p> <p>7(a,b). Impacts of restructuring & oil dependency</p> <p>8. Government policy impacts</p> <p>9. Critical success factors and barriers</p> <p>10. Environmental Assessment</p> <p>11. Value policy incentives and disincentives</p> <p>12. Contingent analyses</p>	<p>A. Interim report on econ/tech/market analyses</p> <p>B. Updated interim report</p>

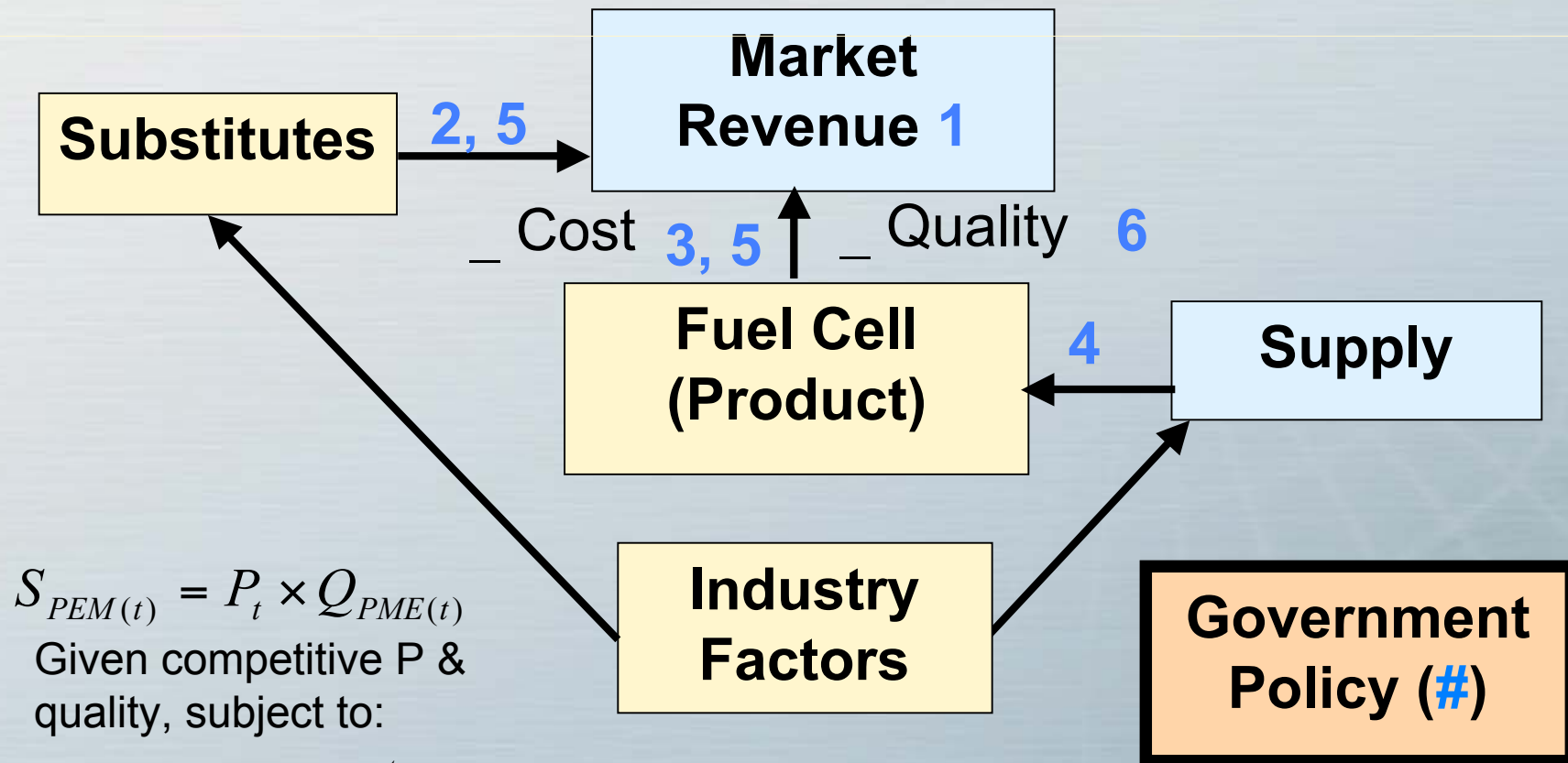
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Task 2. Scenario Analyses 13(a,b). Expert focus groups to define descriptors 14(a,b). Cross-Impact analyses of descriptors	C. Report on PEMFC scenarios D. PEM Fuel Cell Vision 2015 Report
Task 3. Stakeholder Involvement 15. Stakeholder involvement plan and list 16. Develop interview protocol 17(a,b,c). Focus groups 18(a,b). Stakeholder Partnership Team (SPT) meeting	E. Letter report of interview or meeting results F. Stakeholder feedback report G. Guidebook
Task 4. Information Dissemination	H. Seminar presentations

Technical Accomplishments/Progress

- Developed integrated evaluative approach.
- Completed two expert focus groups to provide input on descriptors for the Interactive Future Simulations model.
- Currently surveying fuel cell developers, users, and competitors in the back-up power marketplace.
- Evaluating non-technical factors, like industry factors and policy issues, that will affect the commercialization of back-up power marketplace.

Technical Accomplishments: Draft Integrated Model: Markets, Economics, and Policy Impacts PEM Fuel Cells for Stationary Applications



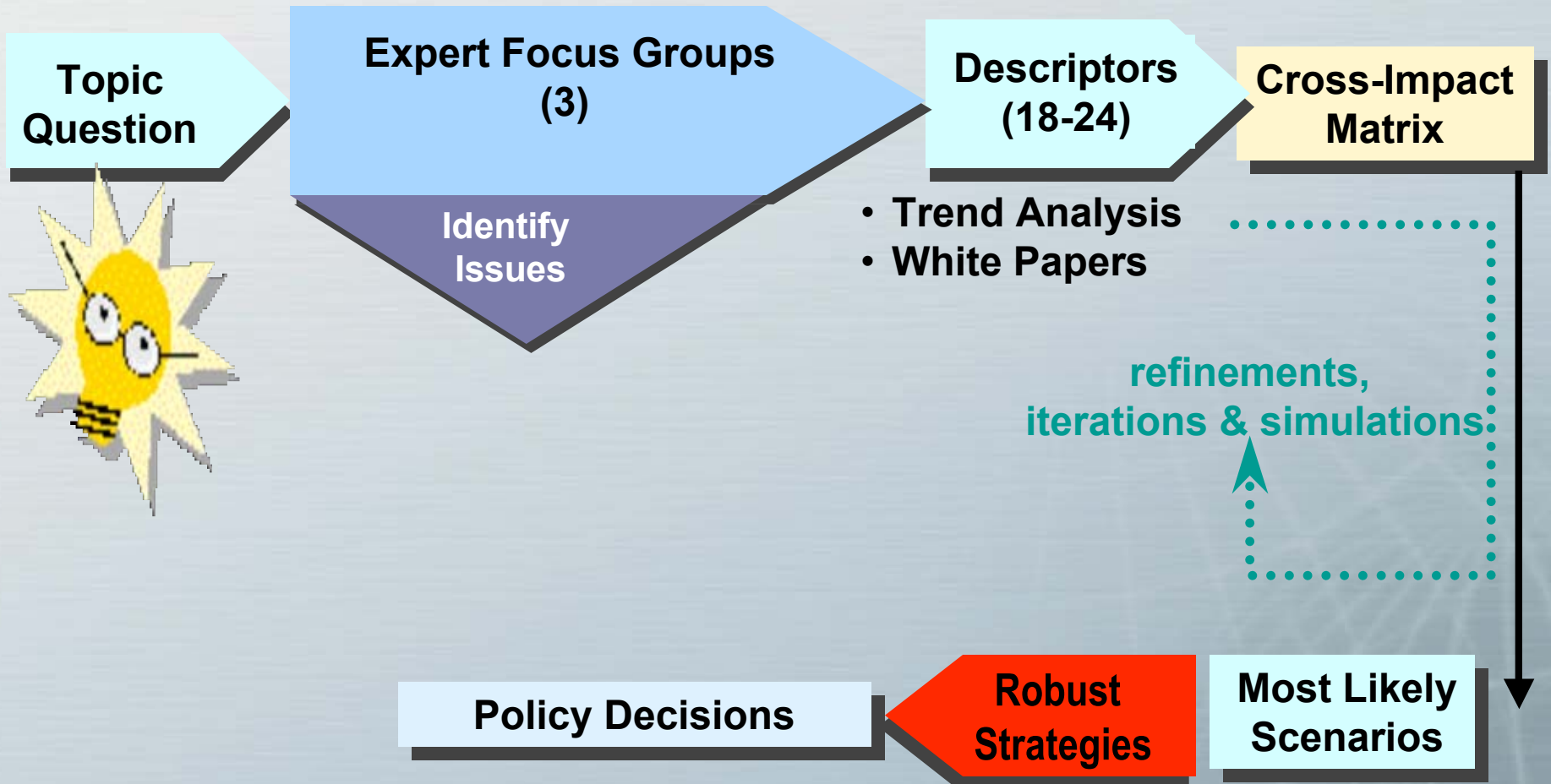
$$S_{PEM(t)} = P_t \times Q_{PME(t)}$$

Given competitive P & quality, subject to:

$$Q_{PEM} = (Q_{tot(t)} \times \sum_0^t (R_{PEM(n)}) \times f(Q_{tot(t)}, C_{R\&D}, I_t)$$

$$R_{PEM} = f(K, C_s, b, d, m, r)$$

Technical Approach - Scenario Analysis Methodology Battelle



Technical Accomplishment: Scenario Analysis

Topic Question: What will be the most likely markets and economic impacts of stationary PEM fuel cells in the range of 1kW to 250 kW in the U.S. by the year 2015?

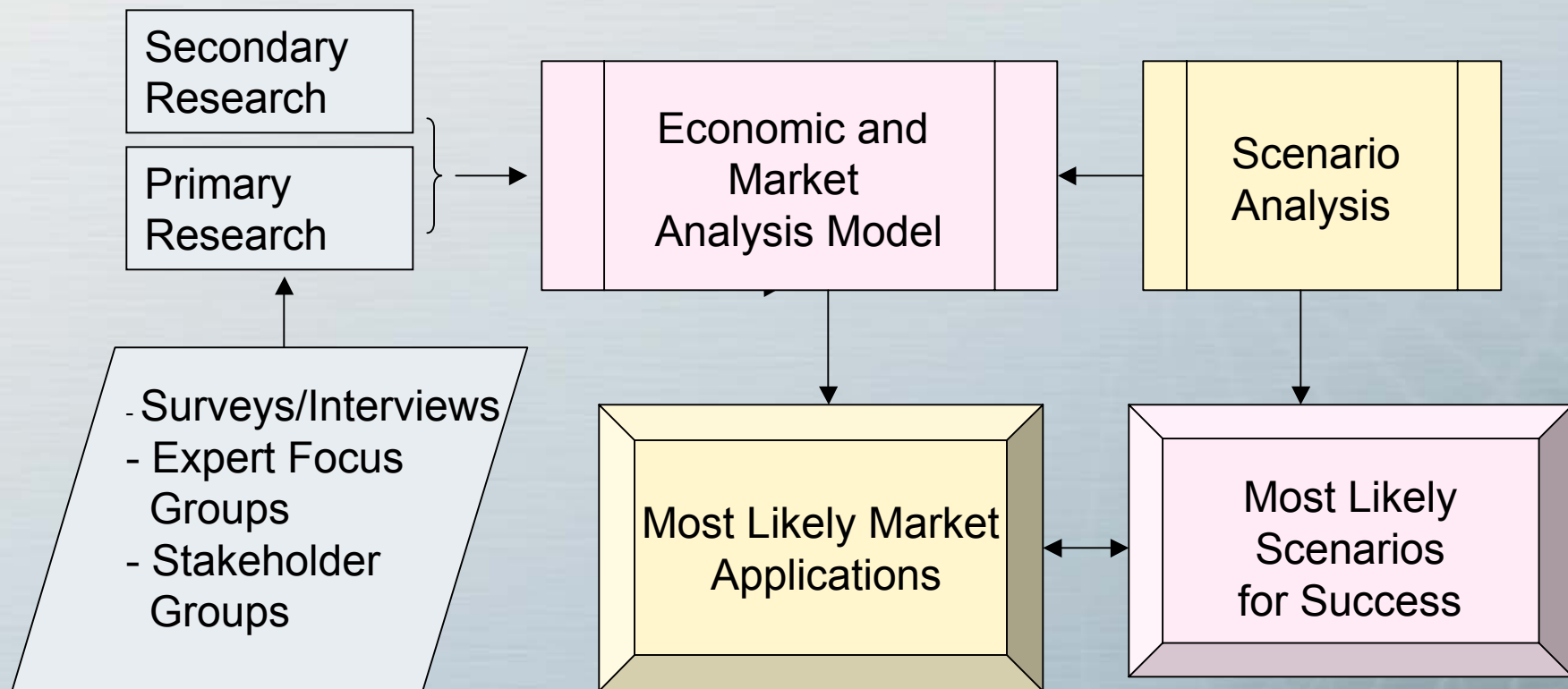
- Focus group 1 (December 12, 2003 in Columbus, Ohio): 16 participants representing the Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition, NASA Glenn Research Center, FirstEnergy, GrafTech, Johnson Matthey Fuel Cells, The Ohio State University, EWI, Cinergy, Ohio Department of Development, American Electric Power, Case Western Reserve University, and Battelle.
- Identified and rank-ordered 65 potential drivers impacting the market for stationary PEM fuel cells in the U.S. to the year 2015.

Technical Accomplishments: Scenario Analysis

Scenario Analysis 2 (May 12, 2004 in Washington D.C.)

- Value of PEM Fuel Cell to Customers
- Cost of PEM Fuel Cells
- PEM Fuel Cell Investments
- PEM Fuel Cell Manufacturing
- PEM Fuel Cell Stack Technical Advances
- Hydrogen Availability
- Fossil Fuel Technological Improvements
- Energy Storage Technologies
- Environmental Regulations and Standards
- Public Policy Support for PEM Fuel Cells
- National Energy Policy and Security
- Electrical Grid Sufficiency and Reliability
- Cogeneration, Backup Power, and DG Options
- Grid Electricity Prices
- Prices of Fuels for PEM Fuel Cells
- Fuel Cell Commercialization Leadership
- PEM Fuel Cell Stationary Power Units in Japan and Europe
- PEM Fuel Cells in Automotive Applications
- PEM Fuel Cell Applications and Markets
- Economic Impact of PEM Fuel Cells

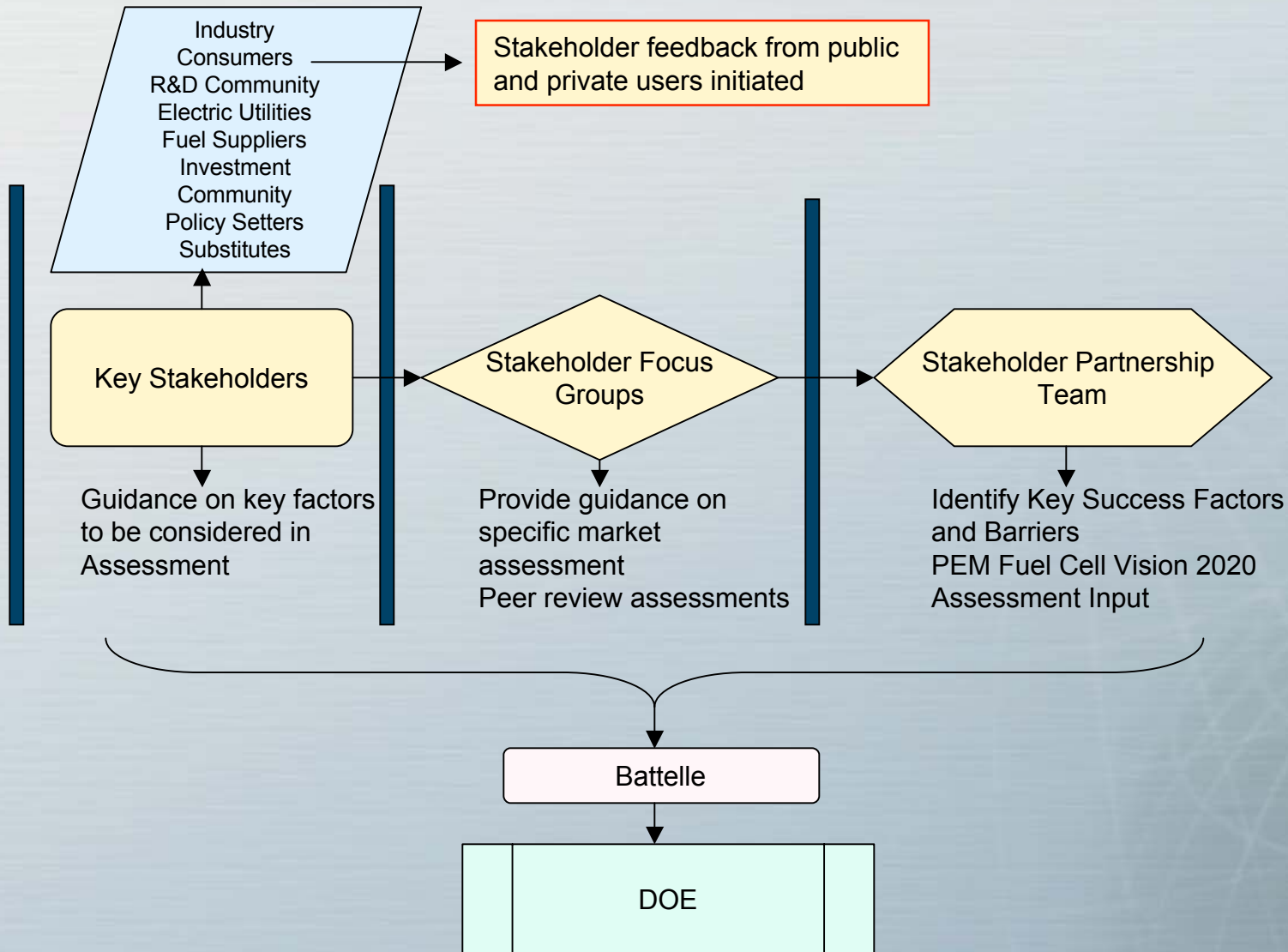
Backup Power Market Analysis Model



Technical Accomplishments: Market Analysis for Back-up Power Markets

- Secured and reviewed economics reports on distributed energy/PEM fuel cell markets.
- Determined types of primary data required.
- Completed development of survey instruments.
- Completed initial identification and characterization of major market segments.
- Competing technology information obtained including UPS systems, battery technologies, microturbines, generators, photovoltaics and wind power.
- Industry factors determined through secondary research, interviews with industry experts, and scenario analysis focus groups.
- Benchmarking of PEM FC technology for back-up power markets initiated.

Interactions and Collaboration



Stakeholder Feedback from Public and Private Consumers on Critical Commercialization Factors

16 surveys or in-depth interviews completed (April 23). Some key themes are:

- Cost is the most significant barrier *in most cases*;
- Reliability a must;
- Durability critical and not adequate; and
- Hydrogen storage / reformation an issue.

Selected Comments:

- Clean green and reduced emissions important to their customers. (Starwood Hotels)
- “Having higher reliability than my competitors has given me new customers!” (Nat. Bank Omaha)
- “What better place to demonstrate the latest in clean technology, given we have 3 million visitors/year” (Yellowstone National Park)

Future Work

- Complete scenario analysis Fall 2004.
- Select / evaluate additional market segment.
- Begin work on additional technology assessment.
- Begin enhanced economic analysis (e.g., contingent valuation).
- Initiate stakeholder focus-group and hold meetings.
- Update technology and market data.